

REMARKS

I. Status of Application

By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended to incorporate the features of claim 14, and claim 14 is thus cancelled. Claim 5 is hereby rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claims 1-13 are pending in the present Application.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 12 and 13 are allowed, and claims 5 and 14 contain allowable subject matter.

Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1 is now allowable at least because it incorporates the features of cancelled claim 14.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-4 and 6-11, which ultimately depend from independent claim 1, are also now allowable at least by virtue of their dependency from claim 1.

Applicant respectfully submits that claim 5, rewritten in independent form, is additionally now allowable.

As all the independent claims are either allowed or now contain allowable subject matter, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner allow claims 1-13.

V. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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